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# THIS MAJESTIC LETTER TO THE GERMANS

Vindication of Himself;  
Dated at St. Germans on Lasse, the Four-  
teenth of this Instant January, 1683.

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MY LORDS; When We saw now think fit to let you know, that though it has been Our constant care since Our first Accession to the Crown, to Govern our Kingdom of England, and that Our People with that Justice and Moderation, as we give, if possible, a no occasion of Complaint; yet more particularly upon our Subjects so wretched, and to all Our Subjects, the late Invasion, & seeing how the Delightful Reasons of Our withdrawing; And we did likewise resolved at the same time to leave such Others behind Us to you of Our Rival; Council, as might best fit with the present State of Affairs; : But that being all together up and for us at that time; We by all just Causes, but even Pretexts of

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By His Majesties Command  
M E L F O R T.  
Sir Isaac Religious more especially the *Charr of*  
England as by Law Establish'd with  
such Indulgence for those that Differ from  
Her, as We have always thought Our selves  
In Justice and Care of the general Welfare  
of Our People, where we  
Directed thus to the Lords, and Others  
Our Privy Council of Our Kingdom

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Discontent; We freely, and of Our own may, We hope, if enough considered and re-  
corded, redress all those Things that are reflected upon; together with his other ~~Wicks~~  
set forth as the Causes of that Invasion: ~~and~~ Breaches of the Laws and Liberties  
And that We might be informed by the of England, which by this Invasion he pre-  
Council and Advice of Our Subjects, ~~and~~ tended to restore, ~~the~~ sufficient to open the  
Selves, which we might give them. Eyes of all Our Subjects, and let them  
further and a full satisfaction; ~~and~~ We resolved, ~~to~~ what every one of them may  
to meet them in a Free Parliament; And in expect, and what Treatment they shall  
order to it. We first laid the foundation of find from him, if at any time it may serve  
such a Free Parliament, in restoring the Ci- his purpose, from whole hands a Sovereign  
ty of London, and the rest of the Corpora- Prince, an Uncle, and a Father could meet  
tions to their ancient Charters and Privi- with no better Entertainment. ~~and~~ However  
ledges; and afterwards ~~actually~~ appointed the ~~soane~~ of these Indulgencies, and ~~the~~ just  
the Writs to be issued out for the Parlia- apprehension of further Attempts against  
ments Meeting on the 15th. of January; Our Person by them who already endeav-  
of But, the Prince of Orange seeing all the uored to murther Our Reputation by In-  
Ends of his Declaration answered, the Peo- famous Calumnies (as if We had been ca-  
ple, beginning to be undeceived, and ~~re~~ capable of a supposed Prince of Wales) which  
turning apace to their ancient Duty and was incomparably more Injurious, then  
Allegiance; and well foreseeing that if the Destroying of Our Person it Self; ~~is~~ ~~to~~  
the Parliament should meet at the time ap- ~~gather~~ with a serious reflection ~~of~~ in Saying  
pointed, (such a Settlement in all probabl- ~~of~~ Our Royal Father of Bleid Memory,  
would be made, both in Church and State, when He was in the like Circumstances, *That*  
as would totally defeat his ambitious and *there is little difference between the Prisons and*  
unjust Despots, resolved by all means pos- *the Groves of Princes* (which afterwards  
sible to prevent the Meeting of the Parlia- proved too true in His Case) could not but  
ment; ~~and~~ to do this the most ~~effectual~~ perhade us to make use of that which the  
way, he thought fit to lay a restraint on Law of Nature gives to the meanest of Our  
Our Royal Person; for as it were absurd Subjects, of freeing Our selves by all means  
to call that a Free Parliament, where there possible from that unjust Confinement and  
is any Force on either of the Houses, ~~so~~ Restraint. ~~and~~ And this We did not more  
much less can that Parliament be said to act for the Security of Our own Person, than  
freely where the Sovereigns by whose Au- ~~that~~ thereby We might be in a better Cap-  
tivity, ~~and~~ and Settlement of Our Kingdom. For as  
thority they Meet and Sir, and from whose ~~city~~ of transacting and providing for every  
Royal Alien, All their Acta ~~foreigne~~ their ~~thing~~ that may Contribute to the peace  
Life and Sanctipp, is under a Real Confinement and Guard on the one hand, no change of Fortune  
and the hurrying of Us under a Guard on the other hand, ~~and~~ to Condescend to any thing abbecoming  
our Loyalty, we could no longer Trust, and ~~and~~ to that High and Royal Station, at which Great  
the other Indulgencies. We offered, in the Earl of Kingsham which ferr Alas Right of Succession has placed  
Person of the Earl of Kingsham which ferr Alas Right of Succession has placed  
him by Us, and in that barbarious Opi- Us: 1500 on the other hand, ~~and~~ the  
agement, of Our own Person. We shall our Revocation or Ingratitude of Our own  
repeal, because they are, We ought Subjects, nor any other Consideration what-  
not by this time, very well known and never, shall ever prevail with Us to make

the least step contrary to the True Interest And in the mean time You of Our Privy Council of the Englysh Nation, which We ever did, Counsel ( who can judge better by being and ever must look upon as Our own, upon the place ) are to send Us your Ad  
 OUR WILL and Pleasure therefore is, vice, what is fit to be done by Us toward That you of Our Privy-Council, take the Our Returning and the Accomplishing those most effectual Care to make these Our Gracious Good Ends. And We do require you in cious Intentions known to the Lords Spirit, Our Name, and by Our Authority, to Entail and Temporal in about Our Cities of deavour to Suppress all Tumults and Disorders, that the Nation in general, and every one of Our Subjects in particular to all Our Subjects in general; And to may not receive the least prejudice from the present Distractions that is possible. S affirme them, that We desire nothing more, than to return and hold a Free Parliament, not doubting of your Dutiful Obedience to these Our Royal Commands. We be wherein We may have the best opportunity of Undeceiving Our People, and shewing you Heartily Farewell. Given at St. G. the Sincerity of those Profections We have often made of the preferring the Liberties of Our Reign the Fourth Year...

By His Majesties Command  
 M E L F O R T.  
 Mass on Lye the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1683. An  
 Indent Religions more especially the Charr  
 of Eng land as by Law Establish'd, with  
 such Indulgence for those that Differ from  
 Her, as We have always thought Our selves. Directed thus to the Lords, and Others  
 in Justice and Care of the general Welfare  
 of Our People, during the same.

## RECOLLECTS.

This Paper has been indifferently and privately disposed about the City, bearing divers marks in another Paper, I shall here print the True of his Majesties Letter, being the 2<sup>nd</sup> for being indeed writ in a hurry; and is said to be by the Romans ( ) writ apprehensions of danger, it is possible his said his Despatch, to the Lords of the Privy Council and, pertinient objections and his Council; and because we have now generallly have been sifted over; by the bairn left for the Farber of our Royal Privycess, gone as leasure, he has been pacified to know who we have been bishopt, we will forbear any severity in our Remarques; as may seem desigened to aggravate those misfortunes his Majestie may by popular, though fidelity still we have more materiall, we cannot altogether be silent in this matter, from whom We, will not readily let us off, because us all under the heavy imputation of the how nice and cautious his Majestie has been worth of Criminals: a His Majestie is pleased, using his People any just cause of complaint in the beginning of his Letter to repeat the Rest be giv'd from this, that he has been soe he gave in first of his departure from the temple upon, and is effectuall given

and Privileges in the four years of his Reign, **knows** his Majesty has there declared in all  
then his Predecessors for four score years, has **News**: h How **influent** the Prince has  
made for our prefermentation : c **Indeed** as he been in deferring his **Majesty**, especially in the  
matter of the P. of Wales, all the Kingdom and  
is willing to **judge** self be made an offer of refor-  
mation and redress, but we may presume to be  
in **danger**, and we all end with his **Majes-**  
**tie** be misfryed his Game when **law** the **first** **Reparation** may be **proved**, **invent**, and  
Trump turn'd up, and so like a wary Game-  
clear from so black a **Defoy**: However we  
were willing to change his Cards, or else with that his **Majesty** had been pleased to **hant**  
refer himself to the good hap of another **Deal**: left the **Infant**: among us, which after we  
His **Majesty** is pleased to tell us he had a de-  
prof of his Birds of the Queen had been a great  
fire to have all grievances redref'd by a free **Society** of the **Crown**. i At his  
Parliament, which he reforged speedily to call, **Majesty** has received many **signal** **proofs** of our  
that as this could not suit with the safety and **love** and **duty**, so in this **Environment** of his, he  
wishes of some corrupt **Ministers** about him, so has been pleased to show us the **first** **infiance** of  
he was readily perwaded to quit those interests: his care of our **Safys**, k and as his **Majesty**  
was; and though some of the **Writs** were issued never gave us reason to suspect the intentions of  
uit for their **Safety**. Yet he shewed us the **fir-**  
erty of his meaning by his sudden withdraw-  
pce and interest of this Kingdom of England,  
z: c That the Prince meant nothing else by so **not** **call** in **gratitude** with his **Majesty**  
is coming, than the re-settling the shakon Feud-  
all the **Peace** and **quiet** that his pious **Zest** in-  
ations of our **Laws** and **Religion**, by an open **clines** him to. 1 His **Majesty** in his gracious  
and free **Convention** of the **States**, is plain, **Confesions** is pleased again to **privile** **in the**  
on his **great** **moderation**, since their **Siring**, **prefermentation** of our **Laws** and **Liberties**, and  
we **are** **in** **such** **law** **he** **has** **been** **for** **the** **begin-**  
**ning**, but because we cannot invent other **means**  
in the **readiness** of our **Crown**. 2 To affire us of the performance of this than his  
now not how we can believe his **Majesty** uses **Word**, the **repented** **breach** of which he has not  
under restraint since his **proclam** **in** **the** **States**, **in** **the** **first** **and** **last** **of** **the** **two** **years**, **in**  
so to contradict the **Affirms**: g That the **King** **Country** **or** **Country** **had** **charged** **their** **religion**, **may** **in** **the** **lure** **of** **his** **Majestys** **meaning**, **and**  
**cannot** **apprehend**, **and** **their** **confant** **as** **Apprehended** **as** **Slanderers**, **and** **perfifed**  
**to** **their** **self** **Address** **to** **the** **Prince** **as** **Criminals**.

*King of  
Vindicat*

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